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J. Q. WYATT, NOMINEE FOR SHERIFF

Wins on Sixth Ballot by a Vote of 12 to 9—Wm. Wattenbarger, as Dark Horse, Missed the Plum By Only One Vote in 4th

At the meeting of the republican executive committee, Saturday, John Q. Wyatt was chosen as the nominee for sheriff to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of G. W. Toney. Mr. Wyatt received 12 votes and Wm. Wattenbarger 9. His selection was not a surprise as he had been regarded as one of the strongest candidates to come before the committee.

It will be remembered that a mass meeting of the republicans of the county was called in the court house, Monday, June 5, at which time the mass convention authorized the county executive committee to meet, Saturday, June 17, and elect a candidate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of G. W. Toney.

Saturday, at 11:15, Chairman A. L. Garrison called the committee together and on the roll being called it was found that twenty members were present. Those absent were: Theodore Hedgecoth, J. W. Hayes, J. T. Ashburn, John Manning. The committee then proceeded to formulate a few simple rules to govern the voting.

RULES GOVERNING ELECTION:

First, That the successful candidate must receive a majority of all the votes of all members present.

Second, That no proxies be allowed.

Third, That after the third ballot the hindmost candidate be dropped, and drop hindmost man after each succeeding ballot.

Fourth, Any new candidate who may enter shall not be dropped until he has been balloted upon twice.

Fifth, That voting be by written ballot.

Sixth, that all candidates be and are invited to come before the committee and present their claims for the nomination.

The committee then adjourned to meet in the High School building at one o'clock p. m. to choose the candidate.

When the committee met at the appointed hour the following candidates made brief talks pledging themselves to discharge the duties of the office to the best of their ability and with fidelity to the people: J. B. Angel, J. Q. Wyatt, G. W. Walker, J. A. Hassler, J. D. Wyatt stated that he had intended to be a candidate, but after fuller consideration had decided not to be and asked that his name be not considered.

S. A. Tucker and John G. Renfro were chosen tellers and the voting began. The voting was as follows:

FIRST BALLOT.

J. B. Angel	5
J. Q. Wyatt	8
J. A. Hassler	1
Wm. Monday	3
F. W. Myers	1
Raymond Kerley	1

SECOND BALLOT.

J. B. Angel	4
J. Q. Wyatt	9
G. W. Walker	1
J. A. Hassler	1
Henry Welch	1
Wm. Monday	3
Raymond Kerley	1

At this juncture of the voting Jere Morrow put in nomination the name of Wm. Wattenbarger. Several persons present spoke very favorably of Mr. Wattenbarger as a citizen, but no one seemed to be well informed as to his probable ability to make a sheriff. On the basis of his good citizenship and the enthusiasm manifested for him by some members of the committee he received a strong vote on the third ballot and only missed being the nominee by one vote on the fourth ballot.

We have since been informed that Mr. Wattenbarger is not physically able to discharge the duties of sheriff and has never had any experience along that line.

ONLY ONE MORE WEEK!

And our big Subscription Contest closes. If you intend to win you must get busy in earnest.

It takes votes to win and to get votes subscriptions must be turned in. Only a few are in the contest and they are working hard. While some have more votes than others, no one knows how many votes are being held back for the final dash. That means no contestant can afford to relax her efforts with the feeling that she is a sure winner. The contest

CLOSES WEDNESDAY, June 28.

All votes must be in the Secret Voting box at the bank, in this office or be mailed by the date named to be counted. Be sure to comply with these conditions.

Secret Voting

Some persons may wish to do secret voting. We have placed a box in the bank, with Secret Voting envelopes so all you have to do is, put the money in the envelope along with the names the paper is to be sent to, write the name of the contestant on the envelope and drop the envelope in the box. The votes will be counted as you direct.

10,000 Bonus Votes for 12 Cash Subscriptions.

Beginning with tomorrow we will give 10,000 bonus votes for each 12 subscriptions turned in before the contest closes, June 28, at 6 p. m. The Secret Voting names will count the same as if turned in at this office. No bonus votes given for less than 12 subscriptions.

JUDGES OF CONTEST.

We have secured the services of three gentlemen to canvass the votes in whom all have the utmost confidence. The gentlemen secured are: J. S. REED, E. S. BURNETT and SAMPSON DeROSSETT.

They will canvass the vote and the result will be announced in our issue of July 5. The editor of the Chronicle and the contest manager, Mr. C. F. Hawkins, will be present and lend them any necessary assistance.

THIRD BALLOT.

J. B. Angel	3
J. Q. Wyatt	5
Raymond Kerley	3
Wm. Wattenbarger	7

On the third ballot J. S. Garrison and J. G. Renfro each received one vote. Mr. Renfro stated to the committee that he was not a candidate and could not accept the nomination if elected.

Just before the fourth ballot was taken Theodore Hedgecoth, one of the absent committeemen, arrived, which made the total number present 21.

FOURTH BALLOT.

Angel	4
Wyatt	6
Kerley	1
Wattenbarger	10

FIFTH BALLOT.

Angel	3
Wyatt	8
Wattenbarger	10

At the close of the fifth ballot Mr. Angel asked that his name be dropped and spoke in favor of Mr. Wyatt. On the sixth and last ballot the Angel votes went to Wyatt and he was elected.

SIXTH BALLOT.

Wyatt	12
Wattenbarger	9

Number necessary to elect 11.

J. L. Anderson made a motion that the election of Mr. Wyatt be made unanimous, which was done. The best of feeling prevailed throughout both

meetings and those who voted against Mr. Wyatt congratulated him on his victory just as heartily as those who voted for him. The meeting then adjourned and every one seemed to feel that no mistake had been made in the selection of a strong man before the people even if some did feel that some other candidate might have made a better officer.

Mr. Wyatt has had considerable experience as deputy sheriff, being one of the deputies in the Rush case this term of court, and there is no doubt about his ability to handle the work.

There is a feeling that the county court will very likely elect Mr. Wyatt sheriff at its quarterly meeting, Monday, July 10, in which event he will have the chance to get familiar with the duties before the August election and the people will have some chance to estimate him and determine to some extent his fitness for the place. Just what the county court will do, however, no one can say.

Many expressions of satisfaction at the outcome of the work of the committee were heard after adjournment and many expressed themselves as sure that the strongest man before the people had been chosen.

The writer has known Mr. Wyatt personally and intimately for nearly fifteen years and we take pleasure in stating that we believe he will measure up to the duties of the place and will spare no effort to preserve order in all

parts of the county. By talking with him we are convinced that he realizes fully the strong sentiment that pervades the people in demanding that he discharge the duties of the office honestly and faithfully, and that it is of the utmost importance that deputies be carefully selected. His course in this regard will be very carefully scrutinized and many persons will surely form their opinion of his fitness from those appointments. However, Mr. Wyatt can have nothing to say as to any appointments until after the county court elects him, in case that should be done. In the event the court should choose another, Mr. Wyatt can not be held responsible for any official acts as sheriff. Should the court decline to elect at its quarterly term in July, John Q. Burnett will continue to discharge the duties of the office until after the election in August and the person elected shall have qualified.

FIRST DEGREE MURDER.

The evidence in the trial of Victor Rush, for killing his brother and wife last September, was completed Saturday and the attorneys began arguing the case Monday. The arguments were completed yesterday and the jury charged. The jury returned a verdict of first degree murder this morning.

Victor Rush was convicted of murder in the second degree at the last term of court for killing his brother, Will Rush, and this trial is for the murder of the wife of his dead brother.

ONLY ONE MORE WEEK OF CONTEST

The 20,000 Bonus Vote Offer Closes Today and a 10,000 Offer Begins Tomorrow—Chance Offered for Secret Voting.

The Chronicle subscription contest is soon to close, only one more week from today and all will be over so far as getting votes goes.

The judges who will canvass the votes have been selected and the final result will be announced in our issue of July 5. Every vote will be counted just as cast and every contestant will stand the same chance to win so far as counting goes. The gentlemen secured to count the votes are: J. S. Reed, E. S. Burnett, Sampson DeRossett. The votes will be counted soon after the contest closes. Both the contest manager and the editor of the Chronicle will be present. The records of the contest will be at hand so that every vote may be counted just as intended. No contestant need feel a particle of uneasiness about not receiving fair and impartial treatment.

SECRET VOTING.

Thinking that some may wish to vote in this contest and not have it known just how they vote, we have provided a box in the bank—it is sealed—Secret Voting envelopes are there and all you have to do is put the money and names of those to whom you wish the paper sent, into the envelope, seal it, write the name of the lady contestant on the outside and drop the envelope into the box. The box will be opened after the contest closes and votes counted as intended.

LAST BONUS VOTES

Beginning with tomorrow we will give 10,000 bonus votes for each 12 subscriptions turned in before the contest closes, but no bonus votes can be given unless the full twelve subscriptions are turned in; remember that.

MAILING SUBSCRIPTIONS.

In fairness to those who live at a distance, we will allow contestants to mail subscriptions any time Wednesday, June 28, and they will count. But be sure you get your letter in the postoffice not later than Wednesday, June 28.

The contest will positively close Wednesday, June 28, at six o'clock sharp and all subscriptions MUST be turned in or mailed by that time to count.

FIRST DISTRICT.

Miss Violet Haley	42,200
Miss Joyce Snodgrass	8,950
Miss Rhoda Belle DeRossett	8,450

SECOND DISTRICT.

In the second district there are only three contestants. All ladies getting their mail either at Crab Orchard, Grassy Cove or Litton are in the Second District. Following is the standing of each:

Miss Lone Cline	38,950
Miss Winnifred Patton	15,900

THIRD DISTRICT.

In the Third District, which comprises all the county outside of the First and Second Districts, there are six contestants who have the following votes to their credit:

Miss Mattie Norris	56,550
Mrs. Bertha Thompson	32,150

RULES GOVERNING CONTEST.

Any lady who gets her mail in Cumberland county or who gets her mail at Litton, Bledsoe county, can enter the contest.

Subscriptions may be taken anywhere and the paper may be sent anywhere.

The lady getting the largest number of votes gets the grand prize: the Talking Machine. The lady getting the next largest number of votes gets the Diamond Ring.

There are three districts as follows: All ladies getting mail at Crossville are in the first district; the ladies getting their mail at Crab Orchard, Grassy Cove, or Litton are in the second district. All the remainder of the county is in the third district.

There MUST BE MORE THAN ONE ACTIVE CONTESTANT in each district or the prizes named cannot be awarded, but no lady who stays to the end and works will be left without a prize.

No regular employee of the Chronicle or member of the editor's family can be a candidate.

There will be no subscription received for longer than three years in advance.